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## **REMARKS**

The Office Action dated June 13, 2005, included the following rejections, objections, and comments:

1. Claims 22, 27, 33, 38, 44, and 49 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawai et al. in view of Romano, Jr. et al. and Abe et al.
2. Claims 26, 37, and 48 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims, but it was indicated would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

In response to these rejections, objections, and comments, and in view of the above Amendments, Applicant provides the following Remarks:

1. **Rejection of Claims 22, 27, 33, 38, 44, and 49 Under 35 USC 103(a)**

Claims 22, 27, 33, 38, 44, and 49 were rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kawai et al. in view of Romano, Jr. et al. and Abe et al. However, Applicant has cancelled these claims. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the rejection has become moot.

2. **Objection To Claims 26, 37, and 48 and Indication of Allowability**

Claims 26, 37, and 48 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claims. However, it was indicated that the claims would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Applicant wishes to express its appreciation for the indication of allowability. Applicant has amended Claims 26, 37, and 48 to include all of the limitations from the respective independent claims (there were no intervening claims). In addition to including the limitations from the respective independent claims, Applicant has added new claims 58-63 dependant on claims 26, 37, and 48. Claims 58, 60, and 62 add the limitation of the temperature of said heating step is between about 100 and 150 degrees Centigrade to independent claims 26, 37, and 48 respectively (support may be

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found on page 4 lines 23-24). Claims 59, 61, and 63 add the limitation of treatment mixture further comprises a reactive group selected from the group consisting of: epoxides, isocyanates, vinylsulphones, and halo-triazines to independent claims 26, 37, and 48 respectively (support may be found on page 2 lines 21-22). Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are now in a condition for allowance.

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